# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S.156

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Judicial Elections Reform Act

#### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

#### **BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 156 would enact the Judicial Elections Reform Act by prohibiting a person from directly or indirectly seeking the pledge of a member of the General Assembly regarding screening for any judicial office until the qualifications of all the candidates have been determined and a report has been released by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

# **EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Senate and the House of Representatives

The Legislature reports this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

## **SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

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